

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-41 are pending in this application.

## **ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS**

The Examiner has vacated the species restriction requirement mailed December 16, 2004 and subjected the pending claims to a new election/restriction requirement. Specifically, the Examiner has required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the inventions of Groups I to XII.

In order to be fully responsive, Applicants hereby elect with traversal the invention in Group I. Currently pending claims 1-2, 5-15, 27-28, 30 and 35 are readable on the elected invention.

Applicant fully reserves the right to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected inventions in one or more related applications.

Upon the allowance of the linking claims, the restriction requirement as to the linked invention shall be withdrawn and any claim(s) depending from or otherwise including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim(s) will be entitled to examination in the instant application. Also, upon the allowance of product claims, the withdrawn process claims that depend from or other include all the limitations of the allowable product claims will be rejoined in accordance with the provisions of MPEP § 821.04.

**CONCLUSION**

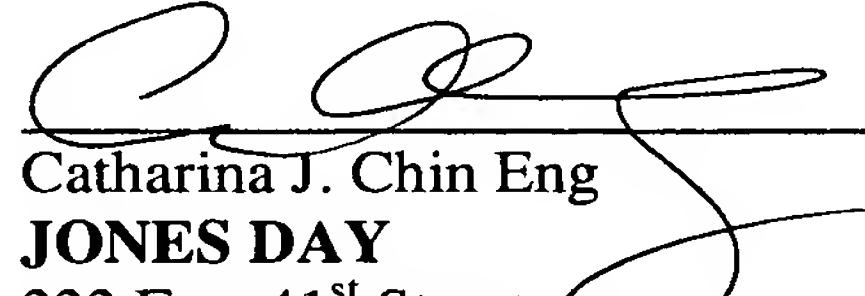
Applicants respectfully request that the above remarks be entered and made of record in the file history of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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